

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-6-40

Magi No. 1155405404

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Log House north of Creagerstown

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number North corner, Intersection Md, 550 & Old Frederick Rd. ☐ not for publicationcity, town Creagerstown ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional districtstate Maryland ☐ county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town Frederick state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This small log building is located on the north corner of the intersection of Old Frederick Road and Maryland Route 550 (Jimtown Road) approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of the center of Creagerstown in Frederick County.

The building is a true story-and-one half log structure measuring 16 feet wide and twenty feet long. It is oriented to face south, with a pitched gable roof on an east-west axis. There are three openings in the principal facade; an exterior stone chimney on the east gable wall has collapsed. The logs are hewn on the interior and exterior face but are left unhewn on the top and bottom faces. They average  $7\frac{1}{2}$  -  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " deep, 9 - 12" high, and are V-notched with stone infill. The daubing was originally whitewashed, but the exterior walls were later covered with narrow weatherboard siding nailed to vertical spacer strips with machine-made nails.

The principal entrance is located in the center bay of the south facade, flanked by a single window opening on each side. The door is of batten construction and appears to date to the late 19th century; the window openings are boarded up. There is no evidence of early sash visible from the exterior, but it seems likely that the windows were originally fitted with 6/6 sash.

A small window is centered in the upper gable of the west end of the house. A long narrow opening pierces the log wall to left of center at waist level on the first story. This opening is of uncertain purpose but may have been for waste water used for domestic purposes inside. It was covered up when the weatherboards were added.

On the rear or north facade, there is a relatively small window opening (without sash) in the center bay of the first story and a second smaller opening of unknown function immediately to the west.

The exterior stone chimney was centered on the east gable wall and has collapsed. A single door to the left of the chimney on the first story is the only opening in the east gable wall.

The interior of the building was not accessible but a limited view of the building was possible through various openings. The interior consists of a single room on the first floor and a floored loft above. A steep enclosed stair is located in the northeast corner of the building and rises against the east gable wall. This stair is enclosed with beaded boards. The first floor room has an exposed hewn joist ceiling. The loft is unfinished other than the flooring. The moderately pitched roof is of common rafter construction with rough wind-braces let into the tops of the gable end rafter pairs. The eaves are not fully boxed in and the early roofing has been covered with corrugated metal.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This small log building on the northern edge of Creagerstown was probably constructed in the second quarter of the 19th century and most likely served as a dwelling house. Measuring 16 feet deep and 20 feet long, this true story-and-a-half building is an excellent example of a common house type found in the Piedmont and Western regions of Maryland throughout the 18th and the first half of the 19th centuries. Notable details of this particular building include the V-notched corner construction, the stone infill with whitewashed daubing, and the one room plan. Unusual details include the unexplained openings in the west gable wall and to the west of the window in the north facade. The windbraces found in the common rafter roof are also noteworthy.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Field Notebook MD-9; Recorded Sept. 7, 1983.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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7.1 Description

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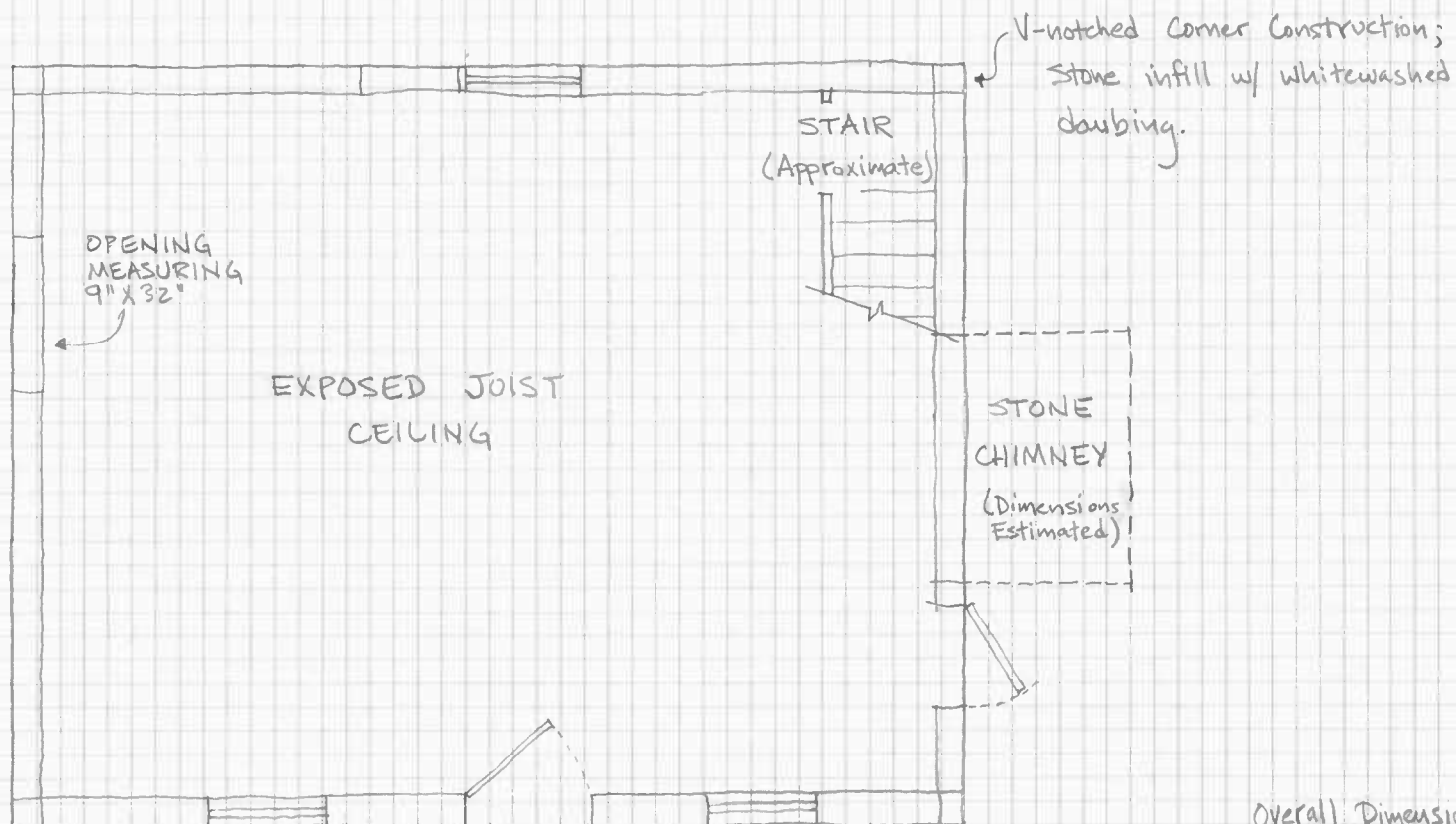
Only limited dating evidence was accessible, but the consistent use of machine-made nails, the moderately pitched roof and the general character of the building suggest a likely date of circa 1820s - 1850s.

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# LOG HOUSE

CREAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Measured Sketch Plan



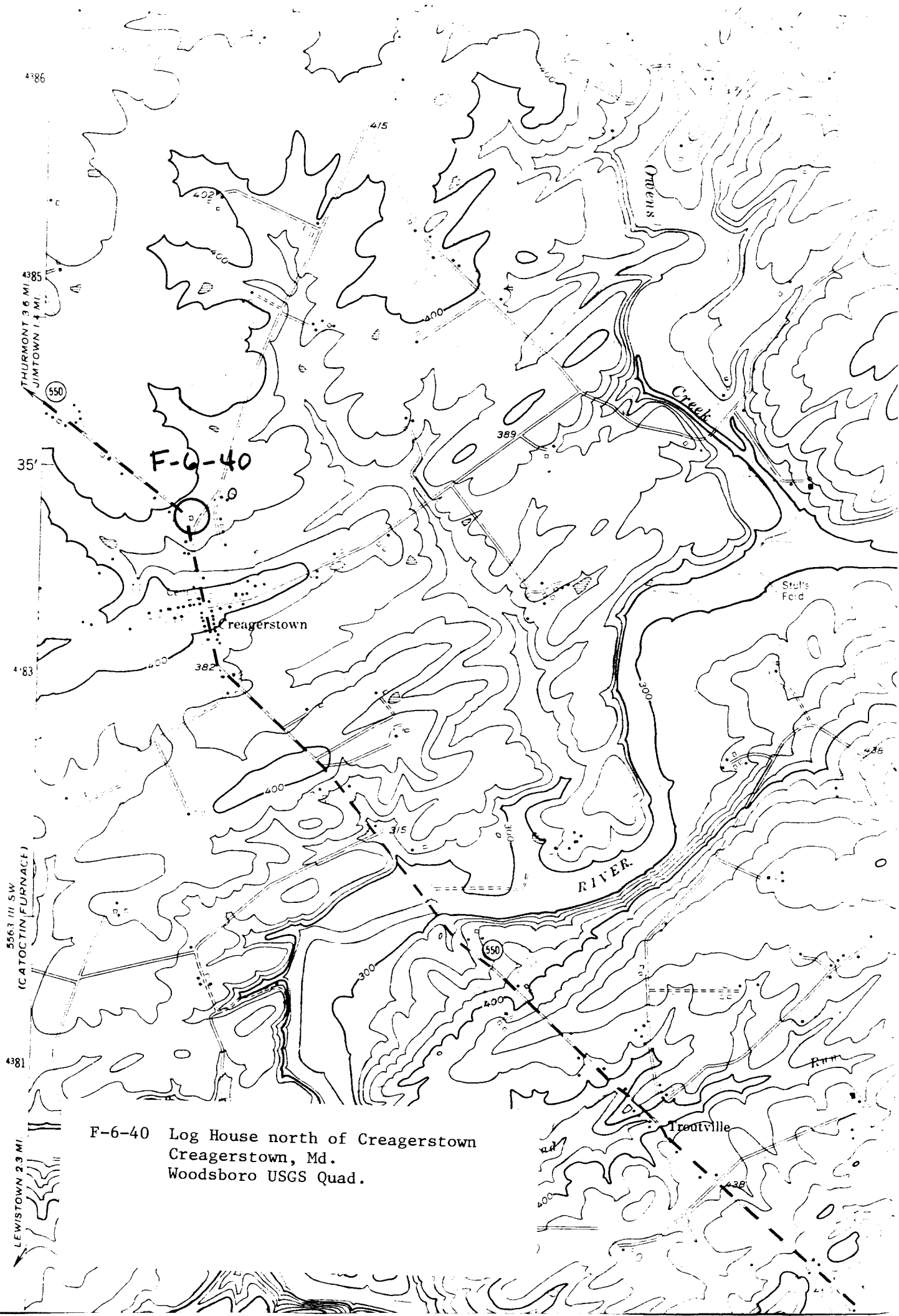
Overall Dimensions:  
16'-1" X 20'-1"



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F-6-40 Log House north of Creagerstown  
Creagerstown, Md.  
Woodsboro USGS Quad.